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TORONTO – the Mecca of cricket in the Americas



CN Tower, Skydome, Toronto, Canada



Toronto Cricket, Skating and Curling Club- ODI venue

The City of Toronto is best known for having the tallest free standing structure in the world – the CN Tower, which stands 553 m (1,815 ft.) tall – but the city is quickly becoming the Mecca for cricket in the Americas. If anyone is wondering why, consider the following:

- There are over 200 cricket teams and fifty cricket grounds in or around the city.
- Ten grounds with turf wickets (six currently active) and an ODI approved facility, with one more well on its way.
- Warm temperatures (high 20s to low 30s C) and very little rainfall are reasons enough to attract cricket events to the city.
- Toronto is the capital city of the Province of Ontario which boasts a stronger economy than any of the G8 nations and that includes the USA.
- With exceptional value for hotel accommodation, meals and easy air access, Toronto has become the choice for major international events of the region.

Starting July 29 for one month, three major events will be held in and around Toronto

1. The Intercontinental Cup (a four day first class event) will kick off the month long international scene.
 - Canada will take on Kenya from July 29 to August 1 at Maple Leaf Cricket Club in King City.
 - Bermuda comes in to play Canada at the same venue August 12 to 15.
2. Six ODI matches involving Kenya, Bermuda and Canada will be played at the Toronto Cricket Skating and Curling Club in August.
3. Starting August 21, five countries (Argentina, Bermuda, Canada, Cayman Islands and the USA) will compete for the Americas Championship. The real award however, will be the spot available in Division 3 of the World Cricket League. With Canada and Bermuda already in Division 1 and the USA in Division 3, it really is a fight between Argentina and Cayman Islands for the one place available.



The full schedule is as follows:

July 29 – August 1 (I-Cup) Kenya vs Canada - Maple Leaf CC
Aug. 5 ODI Canada vs Kenya - Toronto CC
Aug. 6 ODI Canada vs Kenya - Toronto CC
Aug. 9 ODI Bermuda vs Kenya - Toronto CC
Aug.10 ODI Bermuda vs Kenya - Toronto CC
Aug.12 – 15 (I-Cup) Bermuda vs Canada - Maple Leaf CC
Aug.19 ODI Canada vs Bermuda - Toronto CC
Aug.21 ODI Canada vs Bermuda - Toronto CC
Aug.21 – 26 Americas Div. 1 C'ship - G.Ross Lord Park
- Maple Leaf CC
(Argentina ,Bermuda, Canada, Cayman & USA)

ICC Announces World Twenty20 Championship

The Stanford 20/20 is ready to go in a few days in the Caribbean , two Americas Region teams, Bahamas and Cayman Islands will tangle in round one set for Antigua early July. Maybe this will prove to be a good training session for the WI team to the World Championship in 2007.

The ICC Twenty20 World Championship will begin in September 2007 with a 12-team nine day event in South Africa. United Cricket Board of South Africa Chairman Ray Mali thanked the ICC for awarding the event to South Africa.

The second ICC Twenty20 World Championship will take place in England in June 2009. David Morgan, Chairman of the England and Wales

Cricket Board said the event would be the centerpiece of the summer calendar.

The frequency of the ICC Twenty20 World Championship beyond 2009 will be determined once an evaluation of the initial events has been undertaken.

As well as harnessing the international enthusiasm for Twenty20 cricket by unanimously agreeing to introduce a Twenty20 World Championship, the ICC Board has also put controls on the format's expansion by limiting sides to a maximum of three home matches per season.

The decisions taken during a meeting of the ICC Board in Dubai are subject to ratification at the ICC's Annual Conference in London in July.

ICC Conference and Meetings, London

The annual conference and meetings of the ICC are being held in London; main issues and decisions affecting the cricket world are usually discussed and implemented at this annual event.

Breaking News

Congratulations to Ricardo Lord (Argentina) who was elected to the Chief Executives Committee (with John Cribbin(Hong Kong) and Laurie Pieters (Namibia) .





ARGENTINA

National Squad for Division 1 Tournament

The Argentina National Squad has just been chosen for the upcoming ICC Americas Division 1 Tournament being held in Toronto, Canada from August 21 to 26. National Coach Hamish Barton is very pleased with the development of the players and the way they performed in the Division 2 Tournament. "I feel the Argentina National Team has come a long way over the past 8 months and the players we have chosen are experienced and ready for the challenge – we are not going to make up the numbers". The 16 players selected are Billy MacDermott (Captain), Donny Forrester (Vice Captain), Hernan Pereyra, Gaston Arizaga, Steven Nino, Alexander Ferguson, Paul Ferguson, Gary Savage, Diego Lord, Charles Gibson, Paul Ryan, Bernardo Irigoyen, Lucas Paterlini, Matias Paterlini, Hernan Williams and Agustin Casime. Accompanying the team are Derek Culley (Manager) and Hamish Barton (Coach).

4th Carcamanes Cricket Festival



The Carcamanes Cricket Festival is played annually in Buenos Aires, Argentina. This great event is for teams and clubs of cricketers at least 40 years young. Don't miss this fantastic and unique cricket festival (March 3-10, 2007) and the opportunity to experience magical Buenos Aires and amazing Argentina. For further information visit www.baimax.com or contact carcamanescricket@yahoo.com

BERMUDA

Bermuda in the UK

Bermuda's national team is on their third international tour in less than a year. On May 31 Sussex 2nd X1 defeated the touring squad by 7 wickets – Bermuda 137 (Dean Minors 40), Sussex 139/3.

Bermuda continued their tour of the UK with a victory over Lloyds and retained the Catlin Cup which the two sides compete for on an annual basis – Bermuda 218/8 (T.Gibbons 53, I. Romaine 56), Lloyds 214/6.

Bermuda defeated Guernsey by 5 wickets. Guernsey were all out for 170. Bermuda passed the target score with 5 wickets in hand. Irving Romaine with 57 n.o led the way with George O'Brien contributing 36. Saleem Mukuddem took 3/27.

Bermuda won their third match of the current tour by defeating Guernsey 225-178. Delyone Borden with an outstanding innings of 71 was top scorer, while Saleem Mukuddem captured 3 wickets for 27 runs.

Skipper Janeiro Tucker with 93 and Delyone Borden with 42 runs led Bermuda to an easy 97 run victory over the Guernsey President's X1. Scores were Bermuda 215/9 and Guernsey 118. Hasan Durham took 3/7 in six overs.

Bermuda starting them young

A U10 league has been implemented on Wednesday evenings. The young players take part in a 20-over game. Teams with familiar names like Warwick and St. Georges mingle with Devonshire Cougars, Saltus Blue, Saltus Red, and Flatts. The main idea is to start them young.

Belco Cup Final

Southampton Rangers captured the annual Belco Cup. Belco also announced the sponsorship of their employee Kevin Hurdle of the national team. The company has agreed to make special arrangements which will allow the player time off to play and train with the national squad .

Southampton Rangers –Belco champs 2006



BRAZIL

The 2006 domestic season kicked off on June 10 and 11 with Parana hosting two matches against Sao Paulo in bright sunshine at the HSBC ground in Curitiba.

Game 1

Parana scored 161-8 (J.Khemani 57, G. Datay 3/11)
Sao Paulo 162-4 (S.Randolph 61, S. Fraser 42)



S.Randolph a brilliant innings of 61 to lead Sao Paulo on to victory in game 1 .

Game 2

Sao Paulo 197 (V.Ramiswal 69)
Parana 198-4 (J.Khemani 96*).

After 2 days of very enjoyable cricket, both teams were tied on top of the table with 24 points each.

The University of Brasilia campus newsletter recently devoted a full page to the cricket course, which has been part of the school's Physical Education curriculum for the past two years. Coaches Ian Webster and Vince Bastick were singled out for their tireless efforts, particularly with women's cricket which is proving to be a success with students.

CANADA

CCA President receives Award

Ben Sennik, President of the Canadian Cricket Association was recognized and presented with the Lifetime/Outstanding Achievement Award by the Indo Canada Chamber of Commerce on Saturday, June 10, 2006. The award was presented to him by Prime Minister Stephen Harper at the dinner function.

CWC 2007

The CCA President and other CCA executives met recently with a visiting delegation from the St. Lucia Tourist Board and the country's Local Operating Committee for the 2007 ICC Cricket World Cup to discuss possible future co-operation in several areas. Canada will be playing its CWC 2007 Group Stage games in St. Lucia on March 14, 18 & 22, 2007.



Ontario captures Eastern Canadian Title

Ontario, led by George Codrington, captured the Atholstan Trophy, symbol of cricket supremacy in Eastern Canada, when they defeated Quebec by 106 runs at Waterloo Park on June 10/11. Ontario won the toss and elected to bat, scoring 141 runs. Quebec answered with 127 runs. In their second innings, Ontario rattled up 177 runs for the loss of 9 wickets to lead by 191 runs, and in reply Quebec could only muster a modest 85 runs. Main destroyer for Ontario was left-arm spinner Ravishankar Puvendram who bagged 5/39 and 4/33.

Alberta U15 Inter-City games

The inter-city U15 championship played at Riley Park, Calgary on June 17 and 18 was won by Edmonton

Cricket Festival

"A Celebration of Cricket" sponsored by the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA) was held at Sunnybrook Park in Toronto on June 24. Thirteen teams representing the media, government and public services took part in a series of 5-over matches for the Mayor's

Cup in which the Mayor, His Worship Mr. David Miller took part.

Winner of the Festival was the "Toronto Sun" newspaper led by Editor-in-Chief Jim Jennings, who defeated rival newspapers "The Globe and Mail" and the "Toronto Star" on their way to victory. Jennings later said that the sporting structure of Toronto was rapidly changing with cricket becoming more popular.

A large crowd attended the event which was staged to help promote the growing popularity of the sport in the city of Toronto and the organizers were delighted with the turn out.

TURKS & CAICOS

Caribbean Cavaliers win Provo cricket competition

Caribbean Cavaliers won the Providenciales Cricket Association's latest competition when they defeated Jamaican All Stars by three wickets in the final. All Stars rattled up 193 for 8 from their allotted 30 overs, and the Cavaliers replied with 195 for 7 in 28 overs.

The Jamaicans slumped to 60 for 6, but an unbeaten innings of 80 by opening batsman Vincent Francis ensured they recovered to post a competitive score. For the Cavaliers, David Foster claimed four wickets for 23 runs and Howard Dickenson three for 20.

Cavaliers in reply were soon struggling at 64 for 4 before the innings was steadied by skipper Shawn Khan who made 65 before he was dismissed in the 26th over.

Robert Johnson claimed two wickets for 25 runs for the All Star team.

Cavaliers captain Khan collected the winner's trophy from the association's President, Claude Swann.

Prizes were also presented to Juwan Bud-in-ay-ake and Dickenson who scored the most runs and claimed the most wickets respectively.

U.S.A.

USACA National Junior Tournament ends on a high

Ten teams from eight cricket regions nationally participated in the four day, 23 game tournament played at Stanford, Santa Clara, Cupertino and San Jose. Hosts California Cricket Academy

won the U-11, U-13 Championships while North West Centurions won the U-15.

Game rules were clearly laid out well in advance, neutral umpires officiated at the games, extensive use of technology helped teams get ball-by-ball statistics at any point in time, and grounds teams ensured that games started and ended on time. California Cricket Academy gave out a total of 75 individual performance awards, apart from the winners and runners-up trophies. Every participant went home with a tournament memorabilia and every coach and manager a gift basket. Visitors and players enjoyed the hospitality.

For more details, visit

<http://www.calcricket.org/nationals/results.html>

World Cup accommodation crisis



ICC Cricket World Cup
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The Caribbean will not be able to cope with the demand generated by up to 100,000 people who are planning to travel to watch the World Cup, according to Chris Dehring, the tournament's director.

"We don't expect to satisfy the entire demand," Dehring admitted. "You can't. It is a tremendous amount of demand for the World Cup. Those who want to attend must appreciate that it is really going to be a challenge.

"They need to get out there and book their flights and hotel accommodations very early. They should have done so already, [but] it's not too late."

Dehring explained that a number of initiatives were being investigated to try to alleviate the situation, including accommodation offshore on cruise ships.

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